

# OPC Bulletin

## Kissinger Biographer On Dec. 2

By Janice Castro

Talk about change. Bill Clinton is arriving in a diplomatic landscape dramatically different from the one that confronted George Bush on Inauguration Day, 1989.

What key issues confront the U.S. and what foreign policy will Clinton pursue?

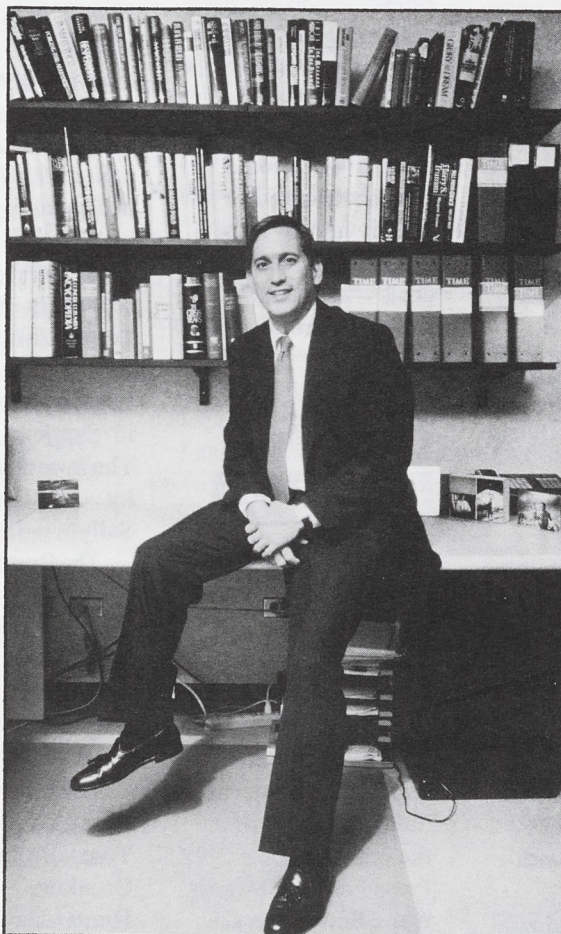
Walter Isaacson, author of the riveting new biography *Kissinger*, will come to 3 W. 51st St. at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 to discuss these issues in a talk entitled "Kissinger and the New Challenges in American Foreign Policy." Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m.

Isaacson, an assistant managing editor of *Time* and the winner of two OPC awards, is responsible for the magazine's cultural, science and business coverage. A graduate of Harvard and of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, he joined *Time* in 1978 as a political writer and covered Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign. Isaacson edited *Time*'s political coverage from 1986 to 1990.

His sweeping biography chronicles Kissinger's rise

from a childhood of persecution in Nazi Germany to the politically explosive events in which he later played a pivotal role, from shuttle diplomacy and East-West detente to Vietnam and Watergate. The resulting political saga has won high praise for its authoritative, balanced, and perceptive analysis of this powerful and complex statesman.

As a leading writer on American foreign policy and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Isaacson undoubtedly will provide a compelling advance look at the opportunities and challenges facing the next U.S. President.



Walter Isaacson

## Holiday Gathering Dec. 10

OPC's holiday gathering on Thursday, Dec. 10, will be a party with a difference—or with several differences.

First, the celebration will be at a new site, the Tudor Hotel on 42nd Street just east of Second Avenue, two blocks east of Grand Central Terminal.

The Tudor has just been refurbished and handsomely redecorated by new owners.

Second, here'll be a sumptuous and substantial array of quality hors-d'oeuvres, both hot and cold, that will beat anything we've been able to offer in recent years.

And wine, beer and other beverages will be free.

There will be all this, as well as music and some very interesting surprises, instead of four traditional exchange gifts.

The cost for this gaiety and conviviality in these highly attractive new surroundings will be a modest \$25 for members and guests alike.

We'd especially like to welcome our newer members, who will have the opportunity to meet some of the OPC long-termers, board members, officers and leading New York media personalities.

The gathering is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and we guarantee one of the most satisfying and stimulating OPC parties in recent memory.

Call Mary Novick (212) 983-4655 for reservations.



## RULE CHANGE

### RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP

Since its founding in 1945, the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan maintained a rule against giving reciprocal membership privileges to any other press club in the world.

No more, reports Pat Killen, editor of *No. 1 Shimbun*, the club's monthly publication.

After debating the issue for years, the board dropped the ban and established privileges for members of foreign correspondents clubs in Hong Kong and Seoul.

In a fax to the *OPC Bulletin*, Killen reported:

"The actual motivation appears to have been Murray Sayle's visit to Hong Kong last year.

"Murray, who was the FCCJ first vice president, was pressed by Hong Kong friends on reciprocal membership."

Sayle is an Australian correspondent.

The FCCJ caved in on reciprocity during the presidency of David Powers, BBC.

## NAMES NEEDED

### WWII REPORTERS

OPCer Moana Tregaskis is compiling a list of correspondents who covered the battle of Guadalcanal during World War II. Their names and affiliations will be inscribed on a plaque on the Hero's Wall at Henderson Airport on the Canal. Please send names and affiliations to Moana at Royal Iolani 1702, 581 Kamoku Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96826. Telephone/fax: (808) 946-1196. Moana is the widow of Dick Tregaskis, author of "Guadalcanal Diary."

## CAT CALL

### PHOTOS NEEDED

Thurston Macauley, longtime OPC member in France, has just completed another book, "The Cat Mon Amour: A Collection of Literary Love Affairs with Cats."

To illustrate the volume, he is looking for photographs of famous writers with their cats.

Macauley and wife Doris left Miami for home after a visit,

flying out on the eve of Hurricane Andrew.

## OPCER AWARDED

### MARIA FERRIS

OPC member Maria Ferris recently received her third CAPE (Cable Award in Programming Excellence) for the best single program as an independent producer in the "today's life" category. The award-winning program was about impotence.

Ferris is the producer and host of the Common Concerns T.V. show, aired weekly in New Jersey on CTN-NJ. The show deals with mental health and family issues.

## PRESS FREEDOM

### AWARDS PRESENTED

Six champions of press freedom were honored by the Committee to Protect Journalists at the organization's recent dinner. Recipients of the organization's 1992 Press Freedom awards were: Sony Esteus, a reporter with Radio Tropic FM, in Haiti;



Katherine Graham

Gwendolyn Lister, publisher of *The Namibian* in Namibia; Muhammad al-Saqr, chief editor of *Al-Qabas*, in Kuwait; and Thepchai Yong, an editor with *The Nation*, in Thailand.

Also, a 1992 Press Freedom Award was presented in memory of David Kaplan, ABC News producer who was killed by a sniper's bullet in Sarajevo in August. The award was accepted by Kaplan's widow, Sally.

The Burton Benjamin Memorial Award for International Press Freedom was given to Katherine Graham, chairwoman and CEO of the *Washington Post*.

Award presenters were Terry Anderson, Tom Brokaw, Walter Cronkite, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Peter Jennings, and Dan Rather.

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# Editor's Overseas Travelogue

By Bill Holstein

Who says it doesn't pay to be connected?

As I was setting up a two-week trip to Europe, I could of course rely on *Business Week's* bureaus in Bonn and Paris to make appointments.

But I also wanted to cast a wider net. So I turned to my friends in the OPC and also to those in the vast network of ex-UPI people, of which I am one.

Here are some quick travel notes on who I saw:

•Thanks to the OPC's Henry Gellerman, I had a fascinating dinner with Marianne Heuwagen, the Berlin correspondent for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, which is headquartered in Munich.

This is a liberal newspaper and Marianne, who is 40 something, spent 11 years in California. As a result, she is representative of many younger Germans who've had contact with the outside.

She's worried about the attacks on immigrants and worried that Germany will tilt toward the right.

But the message wasn't too painful: we had dinner at the swank Paris Bar, where Marianne just happens to be a valued customer.

•An old UPI friend, Juan Tamayo, is the Berlin correspondent for the *Miami Herald*.

He and wife Grace will be returning to Miami next year and Juan will be the

foreign editor.

The weather will be better in Miami, but I suspect Juan will miss the drama of whether the Germans will be able to pull off their reunification, whether Russia will collapse in agony, and whether nationalism in the east, particularly in Hungary, will explode.

•Moving on to Bonn, OPC member Joe Fleming retired about three years ago from UPI, but still lives in this city on the Rhine. He does some work for the Washington Times and Canada's CKNW Radio.

He promises to write an item for the *OPC Bulletin* about how covering Germany is changing.

James Jackson, another former UPI man, is based in Bonn for time. Like me, he had worked the NYCables overnight.

When I ran across Jim, he had just returned from a visit to the stricken nuclear reactor at Cherynobyl. I prefer radiation-free zones myself.

•Also in Bonn, I passed an OPC application form to Jochen Thies, editor of the magazine for the German Institute for Foreign Policy.

He is moving to Berlin shortly to become foreign editor of the *Die Welt* newspaper.

I asked him whether he didn't worry that moving Germany's capital to Berlin would cause Germans to replay some less savory aspects of their history.

His answer was quite interesting: "It's not enough to sit in Bonn and just hope that the devils of the past won't come again."

"I'm going to Berlin to contribute to the restoration of something that is damaged."

In him, I saw a combination of patriotism and hope tinged with a keen appreciation of the past.

For a stroll through the journalistic community of Paris, watch this space next month.

# Overseas Coverage Under Fire

By Camille Cunningham

International news is being challenged. This year 28 journalists are dead or missing, and there seems to be less international news on the front page.

But the dangers of working abroad may not be the biggest obstacle. There are more reporters who want to work overseas than there are assignments. It may be that many Americans aren't interested in what is going on outside their own backyards. An OPC panel Nov. 9 explored the challenges.

Allen Alter, CBS foreign editor; Tom Kent, Associated Press international editor; and Donald Read, author of *The Power of News: the History of Reuters*, were panelists. Josh Friedman, director of the International Division of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism was moderator.

Friedman maintained that "wars without fronts" were partly responsible for the rising toll. "Foreign affairs are changing to include patternless civil wars and nationalist rebellions," he said. "Journalists are caught in the middle. More journalists were killed in Yugoslavia than in Vietnam or Afghanistan."

He said government targeting was to blame for some deaths in former Yugoslavia and countries like Turkey, where nine journalists were killed this year.

Not even fear has dissuaded journalists eager for the "big story." Friedman said, "There is sometimes an unstop-

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## Calendar

Wed., Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. Kissinger biographer Walter Isaacson.

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## Under Fire

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pable, naive, adolescent drive to be a reporter. Combined with an ignorance on the part of the journalist on how to behave in a war zone, it is a potentially dangerous situation."

It is easier to get information from a distance more quickly. "With flyaway satellite transmissions and laptop computers you can get the other side of the story very quickly," said Kent. "Stories are much more complete now."

Alter said that, despite all the talent and technology, foreign news had suffered at the hands of domestic issues. "You have to ask 'why would the milkman in Iowa care about this?' The economy and healthcare issues often outweigh what's going on abroad." He said there were as many dangers covering Newark car-jackings as Sarajevo.

Kent agreed. "The American newspaper industry is in a panic," he said. "Readership is down. Why should editors put a foreign story on the front page when people aren't interested? It is a challenge to present foreign news in a compelling way."

And Read noted that journalists may have their work cut out for them. "There is now only one superpower," said Read. "The former Soviet Union is a disintegrating world power. What happens next is vital. It could be the next cold war."

## Foundation Names Officers

The Board of Governors appointed 21 new trustees for the OPC Foundation and 15 of them met at a Nov. 12th luncheon to select Foundation officers.

H.L. Stevenson, immediate past president of the OPC, is the new president of the Foundation. There are three new vice presidents: Peter Arnett, CNN; Fran Carpentier, Parade Magazine; and John Corporan, WPIX TV. Maria Ferris of Common Concerns Broadcasting in Lawrenceville, N.J. will be the secretary. And Anita Diamant of the Anita Diamant Literary Agency will be treasurer.

The new trustees named were Joseph B'Angelo, King Features; David Currier, Parade; Bernard Gavzer, formerly with UPI and NBC; Catherine Hemlepp, Parade; Al Kaff, Cornell News Service; Tom Kent, Associated Press; Rohama

Lee, freelance writer; Jacqueline Leo, *Family Circle*; Werner Linz, Crossroad Publishing; Josephine Lyons, freelance writer; Dwight Sargent, formerly with the Hearst Corporation; Norman Schorr, Schorr, Howard & Megill; Charles Schreiber, Connecticut P.R. executive; Ralph Schulz, formerly of McGraw Hill. Henry Gellerman, former president of the OPC and acting president of the Foundation for several years was also named a trustee.

The Foundation was initially organized in 1961 as a separate arm of the OPC to receive donations to fund lectures, seminars and other educational activities on the subject of overseas press. In recent years the Foundation has been responsible for the contribution of college funds and has supported the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee. "It has been pretty tough to raise funds in the last few years due to the recession," said Stevenson. "But we are enthusiastic and are planning a fund-raising campaign to begin early in 1993."

So far, next year's Foundation funds have been slotted for two scholarships of \$1000 to go to college students interested in international reporting. Also an international reporting workshop for students is being planned for the spring.

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